

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 16-26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 37-43 are pending in the current application, with claims 8, 27, 28, 31, 34, and 36 being cancelled and claims 38-43 being newly presented for examination by this Amendment. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, and 16-37 currently stand rejected, and claims 1, 16, and 18-21 have been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 16-26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 37 are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 16-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated US Pat 5,884,004 to Sato et al. ("Sato"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner alleges that Sato teaches each and every element of this claim including a "playlist file for identifying a portion of the multiple playback path video data and at least a portion of the playlist files associated with **different playback paths.**" Applicants respectfully submit that Sato discloses a data stream hierarchy having audio and picture data blocks interleaved at the lowest hierarchy level. In Sato, each object within the hierarchy describes or references other objects or data in the **same stream hierarchy**. See Sato, Col. 22, ll. 24-30; FIG. 22. Nowhere does Sato disclose any file that identifies another file outside of its hierarchy or playback path. Thus, Sato fails to teach or suggest playlist files identifying other "playlist files associated with different playback paths" as recited in claim 1.

Further, the Examiner alleges that Sato teaches clip-file-associated information files that provide "a map for the associated clip file, the map containing **presentation time information corresponding to address information** for the associated clip file."

Applicants respectfully submit that Sato teaches video files having VTS information including a management table VTSI_MAT storing information about the **structure, size, or storage address** of video and audio data in the video files. See Sato, Col. 20, ll. 36-43. Sato is silent with regard to presentation time information, let alone presentation time information corresponding to any particular address. Thus, Sato further fails to teach or suggest a map “containing presentation time information corresponding to address information” as recited in claim 1.

Because Sato fails to teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1 as previously presented and amended, Sato cannot anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Similarly, claims 1, 16, and 18-21 recite the same unique features of claim 1 discussed above and are thus allowable over Sato at least for reciting these features. Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 17, 22-26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 37-43 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 16-26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and allowance of newly presented claims 38- 43 are respectfully requested.

Personal Interview Requested

Applicants respectfully request a personal interview with Examiner Jones should any rejections over the Sato reference be maintained. As discussed above, Applicants fail to identify at least two different elements of the claims in the cited portions of Sato applied in the rejection under § 102(b). In order to advance prosecution, Applicants would like to discuss where exactly the Examiner finds each element of the claims and the Examiner’s technical interpretation of Sato and the claims in so finding. The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants’

representative Ryan Alley at 703.668.8046 or ralley@hdp.com in order to schedule the interview when the Examiner takes up the current response for Examination.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 16-37 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

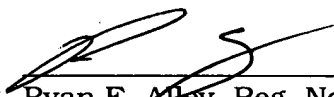
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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